

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10 remain pending in the present application. Claims 11-13 have been cancelled.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Egashira, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,539,418). Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egashira, et al. in view of McKenna, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,835,538). Claim 13 has been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-8 and 10, the only claims currently pending in this application, have been indicated as being allowed.

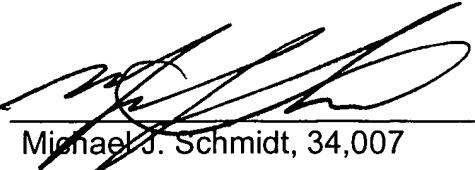
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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